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Monday, December 8, 1997

Mishap on Highway 503

No serious injuries

by Ariel White

There were no serious injuries when a school bus carrying six students from Ridgewood Public School in Cobocok was hit by a tanker truck on Highway 503 west of Norland.

The collision occurred December 1. The bus, eastbound Highway 503 west of Norland, was hit by a tanker truck carrying diesel fuel. The passengers and drivers of both vehicles were taken to Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia. One child was kept in hospital overnight for observation, but no one suffered serious injury.

The bus was stopped in the eastbound lane on Highway 503, to pick up a student. The student had just stepped onto the bus and his parent was standing on the side of the highway.

The tanker truck was also travelling in the eastbound lane and as it rounded a corner, the driver was blinded by the morning sun for an instant.

As the view ahead cleared the truck driver noticed the bus stopped ahead of him. He took evasive measures applying his brakes and attempting to steer clear of the bus. The wheels on the truck locked as a result of the braking. The truck clipped the side of the bus causing it to spin and tip onto its side in the south ditch. The truck left the highway and landed in the opposite ditch on its side. Several compartments of the truck ruptured and spilled out gallons of diesel fuel. The spill was still being cleaned up and contained on Wednesday, and the highway was closed for several hours.

Constable Frank Sokol, a technical traffic collisions investigator with the Cobocok detachment of the OPP said that the police were looking into the accident, and that the investigation was ongoing. He would not confirm whether

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Make a wish

In the spirit of the holidays and giving, the first Highland Rangers are sponsoring a Christmas Wish Tree, with a little help from the Minden branches of CIBC and TD banks. The Rangers have decorated trees in both banks with paper angels. They ask the community to take an angel from the tree and purchase a toy for a child, whose sex and age are written on the back of the angel. The wrapped gift should be returned to the tree with the angel attached. There are 28 children on each tree who will receive the toys along with family CSSM Christmas hampers. The Christmas Wish Trees will be in place until December 19, which is also the deadline for all toys to be brought in. Seen with the tree at the TD branch are Naomi Stephenson-Aggett and Kristen Colliss in front and Ranger leader Faith Aggett, Amanda Hodgson, Carolyn Ferguson and Jennifer Ferguson, at the back.



Lands for Life round table comes to the Highlands

by Ariel White

The Ministry of Natural Resources' Lands for Life round table will be holding meetings in Haliburton County this week. The meetings start tomorrow (December 9) at the Wigamog Inn.

The round table discussions are being convened to give the residents of Haliburton County a chance to hear and discuss the future of Crown Land in Ontario. Representatives from various logging, tourism, first nations and wildlife organizations will be making presentations to the round table. The group has been gathering information for almost a year on the various ways in which these different organizations hope to utilise the province's natural environment.

The Lands for Life initiative was established in February of 1997 by the former Minister of Natural Resources, and Victoria/Haliburton MPP, Chris Hodgson. The goal of the project is to define the long term use of Ontario's natural resources and, more specifically, Crown land.

There is over 46 million hectares of Crown land in the province. The project focuses on the northern section of the province from Haliburton County to the 51st parallel and has been divided into three areas - Boreal East, Boreal West and Great Lakes St. Lawrence. These zones are each headed by a round table of individuals representing the provincial government and the Ministry of Natural Resources, tourism, forestry and other groups who have a vested interest in the use of Ontario's natural assets.

The members of round tables have been listening to public opinion over the course of a series of meetings from Sault Ste. Marie to Sturgeon Falls. The meeting in Haliburton is the last in

the series and it is expected that many groups from southern Ontario will make presentations.

There will be presentations from local groups as well, including the forestry industry, outdoor enthusiasts and tourism operators, among others. The Minden District Forestry Services Inc, a group of independent foresters, will be represented by Bryan Kernohan and Kara Mitchell will speak on behalf of the Haliburton Field Naturalists.

There will also be presentations from Ducks Unlimited Canada, the Ontario Professional Foresters Association, INCO and Domtar Forest Products. With the large number of presenters however, the speakers have very little time to present their views. For example the Minden District Forestry Services Inc. has only ten minutes to speak.

Barry Radford is with the Ministry of Natural Resources at the Leslie M. Frost Centre, as well as being the information officer for the Great Lakes St. Lawrence round table. In 1980, Radford worked on the ministry's Guidelines for Land Use Planning which is the working plan the MNR currently uses to deal with the use of government land. He said that although these policies and procedures were effective at the time of their inception, they do not reflect the current needs of the province's resources. The round table's main objective is to establish what the current need is and how to best satisfy all of the groups concerned.

"There has been a lot of competitive demand for users of Crown Land, especially in the last ten years," said Radford. "There is demand from mining, forestry and tourism operators. In Ontario we have reached a saturation point. It is time for the poli-

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Derby organizers searching for missing mascot

Where is Drifter?

That is the question members of the executive committee of the Minden Sled Dog Derby are asking themselves.

The popular mascot of the annual race has disappeared and the committee would like to get him back before the race January 17 and 18.

"We first noticed Drifter was missing two weeks ago," race governor Val Loughheed said. "We were preparing for the Santa Claus parade when we discovered no one knew where Drifter was."

"We thought he had been safely tucked away following the close of last season's race," director Stu Brandon said. "He had been dried out and given a vigorous airing. The mascot was folded and placed carefully in summer hide-away and now....well we just don't know where he is."

Drifter is a human-size dog costume made by Senitt Puppets of Carnarvon about ten years ago. The mascot is seen during the annual sled dog derby mingling with dignitaries, racers and spectators. He is especially popular with children who like to give the overstuffed dog a hug. Drifter has also represented the derby in a number of area parades and events.

"We thought Drifter was misplaced and he would eventually be found," Loughheed said, "but a thorough search of the areas where the costume is normally stored turned up nothing." A representative of the committee even checked with the Senitts to see if the mascot had been returned for repairs ("We don't like to say 'fixed'" Loughheed said,) but the animal was not there.

"We are quite concerned," Loughheed said. "The derby is just over a month away and it wouldn't be the Minden Sled Dog Derby without Drifter."

The Sled Dog Derby committee is appealing to anyone who knows where Drifter is to contact the com-

mittee. Organizers are asking anyone who knows where the mascot is located to call 286-4642.

November weather

by Phil Graham

	C	F
Average high	4.0	39.2
Average low	-3.7	25.3
Average for the month	.1	32.1
Average for last November	.1	32.1
Highest temperature (Nov. 1)	14.0	57.2
Lowest temperature (Nov. 25)	-16.5	2.3
Rainfall	34.8 mm	1.3 in
Snowfall	31.0 cm	12.2 in
Total precipitation	65.8 mm	2.5 in
Total precip. November 1996	54.4 mm	2.1 in
Days with snow or rain	12	
Days mostly sunny	9	
Snow on the ground November 30	4 cm	1.5 in
Total snowfall Oct.1-Nov. 30	62 cm	26 in

November was a fair month, as Novembers go. The average temperature was exactly the same as last November (.1 C or 32.1 F). The difference was the fast change of temperature day to day....one day cold, the next morning quite mild. Perhaps El Nino is in action already. There was more snow this November, however not as much rain as we usually receive. The total precipitation was slightly higher than last November. No wind storms last month. We usually get one each fall, so we have been spared this problem. Only six months to go!!

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After nine years, Snowdon says goodbye to George

The present and future Snowdon Township councils of broke bread together at Sunny Rock Lodge Bed and Breakfast Friday night. It was an evening with many predictions, as well as reflections on the past.

Township Clerk Ernie Hill spoke of the future and what he thought the new council had to contend with in the upcoming term. He felt that Snowdon township must work to stay together as a unit within a strengthened Haliburton County. "No single component of the community can survive in and of itself," the clerk said. "The arts are not going to survive if the hospital doesn't. The hospital will not survive if education doesn't. None of it is going to survive if the roads don't. The year ahead is going to be a real challenge and I think it will be very rewarding," said Hill.

The new council includes

Ross Rigney as reeve, deputy reeve Dwain Wruth and councillors Ron Buchanan, Wendy Ladurantaye and Bob Martin.

Reeve-elect Ross Rigney paid tribute to outgoing Reeve George Simmons in a speech that reviewed Simmons' many accomplishments over the last nine years as reeve of the township, including a term as Warden of Haliburton County in 1992. He spoke of Simmons' advocacy for benefits for municipal employees including the establishment of a pension plan and a drug and dental plan for Snowdon workers. Rigney called Simmons a "tireless advocate of the broader public that is Haliburton County."

Simmons responded by saying that he had been proud to serve the Township of Snowdon. He warned the new council to keep the lines of communication open and be prepared to be flexible and willing to adjust to

any change. "How can we keep going if we don't adapt to the efficiencies. There are people in this room right now who are going to lose jobs," said Simmons. "Snowdon has got to adapt to survive. The challenges of the new council are vast."

George Simmons also took time to thank the Snowdon municipal staff for its hard work and patience over his tenure as Reeve. He also thanked outgoing Councillor Ray Lymer, who was defeated in the race for deputy reeve and commended him for throwing his hat in the electoral ring. Simmons also thanked his wife of 29 years, Glenda. "My gratitude and thanks for being there. She was that pillar that you always look for," said Simmons.

The inaugural meeting of the new Snowdon Township council will be held tonight (December 8), at 7:30 p.m..



Snowdon Reeve-elect Ross Rigney (right) shares a laugh with Reeve George Simmons at a banquet last week. Simmons stepped down from the post after nine years at the helm of the municipality. The Snowdon Township Council inaugural meeting is set for tonight (December 8).

New Somerville council

The new council of Somerville Township was officially sworn in at the Somerville Township Office Monday, December 1. This term's council members are (front l to r): Reeve Dianne Austin and councillor Audrey Thrasher. Back row, from left: Deputy-reeve Jack MacDonald, councillor John Austin and councillor John Byrne.



Lands for life meeting

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cies to be renewed."

Radford also said that this type of round table open dialogue is a very effective method of garnering public input. He felt that this was a much less confrontational procedure than a provincial bill being thrust upon the users of Crown land. "The purpose of the round table is to go out and get public opinion. We just want to hear what people's thoughts are," he said.

"Going this route has been a very good thing." He said that the meetings allow many groups to sit together and listen collectively to different perspectives, groups which have often find themselves on opposite sides of issues.

The Lands for Life round table will be held at Wigamog Resort Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. All sessions are open to the public starting at 9 a.m.

Praise for quick response

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charges would be laid.

Dianne Dalton, the Director of Education for Victoria County praised the Laxton, Digby and Longford fire department for their hard work, effort and quick response. "Everyone did a wonderful job," said Dalton. "None of our students was seriously hurt and that is what we are all most grateful for." Dalton also thanked the ambulance staff, Victoria Board Manager of Transportation Bob Levielle, bus driver Diane Allen, Ridgewood Public School Vice Principal Frank Darling (who accompanied the children to hospital), the Coboconk detachment of the OPP, and Ministry of the Environment staff who aided in the cleanup of the fuel spill.

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Stanhope welcomes new council, bids adieu to Reeve Jock Mavor

by Ariel White

The new council of the Township of Stanhope was officially installed at the inaugural meeting on December fourth. The new council hopes to maintain the same level of service and quality as the previous council.

This could be due to the fact there are few changes on the new council. Reeve Jock Mavor stepped down, and Eleanor Harrison, who has been a councillor and deputy reeve in Stanhope for nine years stepped into the chair. Her previous post as deputy reeve has been taken by Murray Daniels. Jim Hicks and Ann Barker remain as councillors and are joined by newcomer Tom Gardener. All members of council were unopposed in the municipal election and were acclaimed to office.

Jock Mavor took the opportunity of his last meeting as Reeve to speak about his definition of democracy as well as offer some advice for the new council. Mavor remarked, as he stood up to address council, that he hadn't been that nervous since he proposed to his wife.

He said that he felt that, "Democracy gives the individual the right to come before council and demand municipal services." He said that he felt that Stanhope was being left in very capable hands. Mavor was unsure what advice he could give the seasoned council other than to organize and set goals.

"What advice can I give to a council that has served the community more than I have?" Mavor suggested that council remember never to "sweat the small stuff", set reasonable objectives and goals and to con-

sider the costs and benefits of any plan.

He thanked the council members for their hard work as well as the staff of Stanhope Township. He gave a special vote of thanks to Gerald Bain, the chief administrative officer. "A Reeve is only as good as his or her administrative officer. Thank you Gerald for your guidance and your patience," said Mavor.

Eleanor Harrison said she hopes to be able to fill Mavor's shoes in her tenure as Reeve. "You are a pretty tough act to follow, but I sure am going to try," said Harrison.

She stated that her appointment to the Reeve's chair was one of mixed emotions. She said that although this council had been acclaimed, they would do their best to maintain the standards of the previous council. "I would like to think that Stanhope has been managed well over the last three years. I am not going to make any promises. The next three years will be the most challenging for council and also the staff," said Harrison.

She said that her main goal was to hold the provincial government to its promise of revenue neu-

trality during the downloading of services to the municipality and maintain the level of service to which Stanhope residents are accustomed. Harrison felt that in the future municipalities may see more services shared with other townships. "Stanhope has never been afraid of trying something new," said Harrison. "Stanhope has always been well managed and will therefore be in a better position to weather the storm."

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ANOTHER TERM BEGINS: Stanhope Township's new municipal council officially took office last week. Seen here at the inaugural meeting are, from the left, seated, clerk Gerald Bain, Reeve Eleanor Harrison; stand, Councillors Jim Hicks and Tom Gardner, Deputy Reeve Murray Daniels, Councillor Ann Barker and retiring reeve Jock Mavor.

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Health board prepares to meet the restructuring commission

The following items were discussed during the November 27 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Board held at PineStone Resort.

Executive Director Foster Loucks brought the board up to date on the work of the District Health Council's Hospital Advisory Committee and its effort to develop a Northern and Rural Health Care Framework. The group has been meeting at various hospitals, including a visit to Haliburton, throughout the district in order to increase familiarity with facilities and services at each facility.

The committee is starting to discuss ways of sharing resources and expertise such as information systems, shared services and purchasing, among others. The group has also begun to formulate plans to identify the key roles of each facility or health service within the over-all system. That planning effort is continuing to evolve.

Planning for this effort and others could be affected by a visit from the Hospital Services Restructuring Commission (HSRC) to the district next week, Loucks told the gathering. The commission will be in Peterborough on December 15 and 16 at which time key stakeholders in the region, including HHHS, will make presentations. Loucks said the commission would be meeting in Peterborough for a day and one half day elsewhere, likely the Port Hope/Coburg area. While the various groups have been invited to make presentations to the HSRC, its hearings will be held in private.

Drugs and alcohol

The HHHS has been asked to take the Haliburton County Community Action Group on Alcohol and Drugs under its wing. CAG (community action group) for short sponsors the Drug Awareness Week each year. This event is designed to educate the community, and young people in particular, about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Michelle Bromley, a counsellor with Fourcast Addiction Services, told the meeting the group has received funding from the province and local support to mount its annual campaign. Since it is not an incorporated body, it cannot hold its own funds and was hoping the HHHS could provide that service.

Several members of the board agreed that the efforts of the CAG matched the health promotion objectives of the HHHS. It was suggested that Bromley meet

with members of the HHHS to outline what exactly is required and the board's responsibilities.

Functional program approval

Lost in the excitement of the sod turning which took place in October, was receipt by the HHHS of a letter from the Minister of Health approving the board's functional program. This document outlines the programs which have been approved for the HHHS to operate. The letter was delivered by the Minister of Health.

Chair Hugh Nichol said that while the letter has been received, the programs which the board can offer are still subject to the review of the Health Services Restructuring Commission.

Nichol noted that the board has prepared its submission to the HSRC and will be appearing before the body when it visits Peterborough next week. He suggested if the commission adds its blessing to the Ministry of Health approval, the HHHS may have a case for going back to the ministry to seek additional funding to support its programs. He also pointed out that until the HSRC releases its report on area health services, it may be prudent for the board not to make any major decisions, the suggestion being that the HSRC recommendations could result in a new direction for the board.

Infrastructure funding

The board is still waiting for word on its application for inclusion in the federal/provincial infrastructure funding program. HHHS has applied for funding based on a \$13,275,000 in capital costs. Under the infrastructure program the federal, provincial and local governments share in the cost of approved projects.

It was hoped that an announcement could be made in conjunction with the sod turning in October, however, despite the presence of Victoria/Haliburton MP John O'Reilly, and some rather broad hints that the support funding is needed, no announcement was made. "We have received no feedback on the Infrastructure funding," Nichol said.

Joint application

The board has agreed to join with Victoria Community Care in its bid to provide home care services throughout the two counties. A letter suggesting the joint approach to the Community Care Access Committee was made to the board by the Victoria group. (more on page 21)

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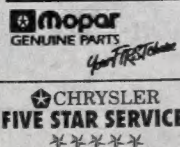
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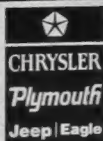
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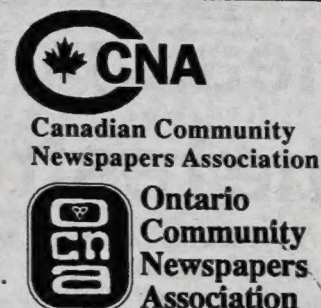
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Editorial

Waiting game

These are strange and interesting times in the world of health care in this part of the province. Despite the need for ongoing planning and carefully considered responses to the challenges ahead, the decision making process has moved into slow gear.

This was evident at the recent meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board and can be seen at meetings of other bodies responsible for guiding health care policy in the area. The reason for the extreme caution is the arrival in the district next week of the Hospital Services Restructuring Commission. The HSRC is a provincially appointed body whose main task is to reshape Ontario health services to shift reliance away from facilities like hospitals and long-

term care facilities and into community-based services. The commission's work has received its most prominent coverage in Toronto where a number of hospitals were recently ordered to close and others were told to eliminate services or consolidate them with other hospitals in the GTA.

The commission turns its sights on the Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge district next week. In a few short days it will hear from the major stakeholders in the district and then, pouring over a mountain of reports and documentation, will deliver its recommendations on how health services should be configured and managed within the district. The commission's recommendations are almost beyond appeal, (there is a 30 day period for comments by those affected). Once the final report is issued, it becomes the blue-

print by which health services are to evolve within the area under study.

During the past ten years, an integrated health care system model has evolved in the Highlands. Years of study, recommendations and assessments have led to this approach, one that appeared to have the blessing of the provincial Ministry of Health. These many years of planning could be tossed aside if the commission decides another model is more appropriate for this area and that is why the decision-making process throughout district health care facilities has all but come to a halt.

At best, it could be several months before the commission's recommendations are made public. Obviously with so many urgent matters before boards throughout the district, including HHHS, it is incumbent on the commission to deliver its report as quickly as possible. jb

Impossible to 'just trust' the government

Editor:

A response to the Queen's Park Report (December 1), debunking the supposed myths about Bill 160.

Bill 160 does indeed use the word 'pupil' numerous times and I will agree that the suggestion that 'student' was not mentioned in the bill was a very foolish, upsetting and regrettable bit of rhetoric. However...

Bill 160 is definitely about cutting costs. Why remove another 670 million dollars if you simply want to ensure the money you spend goes toward classroom expenses

rather than administration? Leave the money in the system, where it belongs. Administration costs will be cut by the restructuring process. Our children are already hurting from last year's cut; another round will be devastating.

Bill 160 definitely is a power grab - the most unprincipled power grab in education history. Everyone knows school councils are only advisory boards which have no decision-making power. That is clearly stated in the bill. This government has ignored much of the advice given by its own Education Restructuring Commission.

It couldn't seem to find the time to answer the repeated requests for clarification or additional information from the Local Education Improvement Committee. Why should we believe it will suddenly be responsive to local groups in every municipality in the province?

Bill 160 is dictatorial, though somewhat less so since the political protest forced an amendment to the section which put total power in the hands of the Education Minister and a few cronies to make decisions without public debate or recourse to the courts. It still gives far-reaching powers to a government which has shown disdain for or simply ignored the cries for moderation which have been raised in every sector of the province. How can we believe this government when it makes sweeping changes without having all the figures and a completed plan on hand?

"Just trust us" the Tories keep saying. In light of recent history, that's impossible. To finance its promised tax cut, this government has preyed upon the most vulnerable segments of society; the poor, the sick, the children. It has treated its citizens with arrogance, contempt and inhumanity. No matter how much money it throws at us in an attempt to buy votes the year before the election, people won't forget the first three years.

Pat Brezina,
Minden

A direct slam

Editor:

Re: Jeanne Anthon's comments in the August 11 edition of *The Times* regarding local employment investment.

It has come to my attention that a non-local employee who the municipality "invested" in has now resigned his position with the municipality. How much of the taxpayers' money has been spent to train this individual who was supposed to have all his certificates when hired?

Reeve Anthon, it is my belief that your comments in August were a direct slam at local residents. Isn't it time you started proving

to all taxpayers that you can be responsible for all the municipality and not just in areas you have a personal interest.

Our roads are a disgrace, and I have yet to see any parking enforcement since my resignation in August.

I apologize if this offends others. That is not my intention.

Doug Schell,
former AHM Chief Building Official and
By-law Enforcement Officer,
Minden.

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Bill 142: diabolical, punitive and undemocratic

Editor:

Under the smoke-screen of controversy and political action generated by Bill 160, the Harris government has launched a frontal attack upon lone-parent families, persons with disabilities, and people who are medically unemployable or between the ages of 60 and 64.

Under Bill 142, known as the "Social Assistance Reform Act" and the "Ontario

Disability Reform Act", Mother's Allowance recipients are downloaded, along with a substantial reduction in benefits, to cash-strapped municipalities. Persons formerly classified as "Disabled" or "Permanently Unemployable" due to medical conditions have those classifications arbitrarily removed to join the downloading stream. Persons 60-64 will see reductions in benefit levels.

All such categories will be required to

join the slave labour force created by Workfare, with the right to appeal either completely eliminated or severely limited.

Bill 142 is diabolical, punitive and undemocratic in its very structure, and has no place in what we erroneously consider a free, responsible and compassionate society. It's the worst attack yet by the Harris government on those least able to defend themselves, and this cannot be tolerated!

(more on page 8)

Kudos for no vote on heritage designation

Editor:

On Wednesday, November 26, 1997, members of Victoria County Council voted against the nomination of the Trent Severn Waterway as a Canadian Heritage River. A recorded vote was used to sound Council's disapproval of this initiative.

I congratulate those members of council who voted against the nomination, for their thoughtful consideration and solid representation of the citizens of Victoria County. How could they do otherwise, given the CHRS process

would impose a management plan on the residents of Victoria County with little or no real public input?

Through their actions, the Reeves and Deputy reeves have performed their duties admirably. They have listened to the Arguments; they have seen the flaws and reached the correct decision on this very important issue. They have represented well, those in our communities who have entrusted them to this responsibility.

John Panter,
Fenelon Falls.

Teachers deserve credit

Editor:

The Times' article reporting the success of Grade Three students on the province-wide assessment of language and Mathematics (December 1), missed an important part of my analysis of our success. I pointed out at the Board meeting that whereas computers, good communications, good parent support, good leadership from principal and vice principal and the smallness of our board all contributed to our success, by far the most important factor was good classroom teaching. All of our teachers from Kindergarten to Grade Three deserve a pat on the back. I think it is important to give credit where credit is due.

H. Dale Robinson,
Superintendent of Education,
Haliburton County Board of Education.

Of the birds, bees and squids

I'd be willing to bet that you have not once in your entire life, given so much as a passing thought to the sex life of the giant squid.

How self-centred can one person get? Never mind, we're going to rectify that right now. I am here to tell you that the sex life of the giant squid (architeuthis to his nerdy scientific friends).....is rough. Very rough. As a matter of fact, if you were to come across a pair of giant squid 'making out' on your front lawn, you could be forgiven for thinking that World War III had just broken out.

What happens is this: the squid stud approaches the squid gal and casually drapes three or four of his ten arms around her. Same old Saturday night, right? Wrong. This is where things get nasty. Basically, and without wishing to ruin your dinner, I can tell you that the male squid cuts little gashes in the female and then injects sperm in a manner that scientists say is akin to being "under hydraulic pressure, much as a doctor's syringe injects medicine."

Fortunately, giant squid don't do this on your front lawn. They do it in total darkness, hundreds of fathoms down in the deep fastness of the oceans, far from the prying eyes of human voyeurs.

So how do we know it happens this way? Because the scientists tell us so. Doctor Mark Norman, a zoologist with the University of Victoria, recently got to study the body of giant female squid which was brought up from a depth of more than a kilometre by fishermen working off Tasmania. Two of the squids forward tentacles were covered with cuts several centimetres

long. Each cut contained packets of forcibly-injected sperm.

"I'm still surprised" says Doctor Norman. "I think it's pretty bizarre behaviour." Well, I think it's bizarre too, and the only squid I've ever seen came as a side dish at a Spanish restaurant.

But I can't say I'm surprised. Nothing surprises me about sex anymore — whether its between butterflies, giant squid or two computer nerds who meet at a Singles Bar. Sexual behaviour is pretty whacky anywhere you look in the animal kingdom. Some female spiders devour their mate as a post-coital treat. The lady praying mantis prefers to munch on the head of her beau while he's still "on the job", so to speak.

And then there's human sexual behaviour. Consider Jimmy Bakker, a religious leader with a cable TV network that brought in \$129 million US in one year alone.

That would be the year before Bakker was found to be spending a fair bit of his out-of-pulpit time nuzzling with Jessica Hahn, a 26 year old church secretary.

Fellow Televangelist Jimmy Swaggart mounted his pulpit to denounce Bakker as "a cancer that needs to be excised from the body of Christ."

That was just before Swaggart was photographed going into a New Orleans motel with a prostitute named Debra Murphee.

As the humourist James Thurber said: "Love is blind, but desire just doesn't give a good goddamn."

I'm not going to talk about my sex life because I hate it when readers snore. But I

will tell you about my initiation.

It took place in a gravel pit. My father, who was not much for man-to-man conversations concerning the birds and bees, decided it was time for me to learn the nitty-gritty, sex-wise. So he took me down to a gravel pit to witness the mating of a buckskin palomino mare and an Arabian stallion.

You don't run across a lot of poems written about the exquisite delicacy of equine coitus. When horses mate it is not what you would call a display of balletic daintiness. It's more like the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour.

There is much thundering of hooves. Much kicking. And biting. And whinnying. It does not look like a helluva lot of fun for either participant. And I don't recommend it as positive motivation for teenagers. It sure didn't make me look forward to a lifetime of pitching woo.

Besides, have you ever....seen....a stallion when it's...hot to trot? I felt utterly inadequate for the next 35 years.

It's quite different nowadays of course. When the time came to "have a chat" with my 13-year old, I resolved that I would do things differently. No squalid gravel pit blitzkriegs for him. I would deal with him face-to-face and man-to...well, boy. So I waited until after dinner, then I called him down to my workshop in the basement. I asked him to take a chair. We chatted about the Canucks....the Blue Jays...and finally I took a deep breath and said: Son, I think the time has come to discuss the Facts of Life with you.

"Sure, Dad" he says. "What do you want to know?"

Etcetera

Arthur Black

Bill 142

(from page 7)

It's ironic that at a time when the Prime Minister travels the world expressing grave concern over Human Rights, he and his government permit the trampling of Human Rights in Ontario, and in fact support those attacks by complete silence and federal inaction.

Heinrich von Richter,
Minden.



New executive

The 1998 Haliburton District Real Estate Board of Directors stopped for a photograph during the annual meeting at Wigamog Inn December 3. Seen here are: (from left) Vice President John Hincks, Al Mayo, President Derrell Stamp, Donna Graham and Past President Linda Baumgartner. Absent, Denver Lewis and Anthony vanLieshout. The board has once again set up boxes in the local real estate offices to collect food and gift items for the less fortunate this Christmas. Donations can be taken to any real estate office in the Highlands.

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Sports

Redmen Hockey

The HHSS Redmen hockey team will play host to Adam Scott Lions Wednesday, December 10, 8 p.m. at the arena in Haliburton



TOP TEAM: The Minden rink of skip Katie Parker, vice Merle Codlin, second Libby Hurtle and lead Jean Hewitt (l to r) took top honours in the season's first Four Town Ladies Curling Bonspiel.

Minden rink wins 4 Town 'Spiel

Eight teams took to the ice of the Minden Curling Club December 2 for the second annual Four Town Senior Ladies Bonspiel. The four towns -- Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Haliburton and Minden -- were each represented by two teams.

The event is a four-bonspiel series, with each town hosting one bonspiel.

First place in Tuesday's bonspiel went to the Minden team of Katie Parker (skip), Merle Codlin (vice), Libby Hurtle (second) and Jean Hewitt (lead).

The second place team was from Haliburton and included skip Marg Bull, vice Molly Fletcher, second Helen Berry and lead Jo Fraser.

One of the Bobcaygeon teams took third place. The team consisted of skip Marg Cowie, vice Betty Lydell, second Dorothy Harwood and lead Valerie Finch.

The second bonspiel of the series will be in Bobcaygeon on January 12. Fenelon Falls will host the third 'spiel on February 20 and the fourth will be in Haliburton on March 11.

Redmen hockey team notches 2 more wins

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Redmen hockey team played three games in two days, splitting a pair on the road and winning a home game.

The Redmen played two games December 2, starting with a 10 a.m. game in Campbellford.

Redmen 6, Campbellford 5

The host Flames jumped to an early 2-0 lead, but by the end of the first period, the Redmen had cut the Campbellford lead in half. Haliburton pulled ahead 3-2 in the middle frame only to see the Flames rebound for a 4-2 advantage. Three straight goals in the third gave the Redmen a 6-4 lead. Campbellford drew within one late in the game, but the Redmen preserved the 6-5 win.

Jason Henry scored the last two Haliburton goals and assisted on the first one to lead the Redmen to victory. Mat Burk, Ryan Burk, Jarrett Rowden and Nick Kulas added a goal each to the Haliburton tally. Dave Clark helped the cause with three assists. Greg Luck had a pair of helpers and singles went to Rowden and Josh Dennis.

St. Peter's 5, Redmen 3

The single loss of the week was at the hands of the St. Peter's Saints in Peterborough. The Saints built a 5-1 lead by the early stages of the third period. The Redmen notched two in the final eight and a half minutes of the game, but the rally fell short of the mark.

Dennis scored in the second period

for the Redmen. Matt Burk assisted on the Dennis goal and added one himself in the third, from Kulas and Ryan Burk. Rowden rounded out the Haliburton scoring, from Steve Ecclestone.

Redmen 7, PCVS 4

Back on home ice Wednesday, December 3, the Redmen got off to a slow start against Peterborough Collegiate. Peterborough held the lead three times in the opening frame and remained in front by a 3-2 count at the end of the period.

Haliburton took control in the second, scoring two unanswered markers to take over the lead at 4-3.

The persistent Peterborough squad tied the score with 5:30 remaining in the third period. Haliburton was quick to regain the lead. Just 45 seconds after Peterborough got back on even ground, the Redmen scored. They added two more before the final buzzer to grab a 7-4 victory.

Matt Burk scored a hat trick for the Redmen, including the winning goal. He also picked up a pair of assists for a five point night. Darren Mills, Jason Henry, Ryan Burk and Greg Luck were the other Haliburton snipers, with one apiece. Mike Morissette contributed three assists to the winning cause. Dennis and Mills notched two helpers each and singles went to Rowden, Ryan Burk, Wayne Kernohan and Ecclestone.

The Redmen are scheduled to play host to Adam Scott Collegiate of Peterborough this Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

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Cottager wins safety award

Dave Turner, a member of the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association, has been honoured as the 1997 winner of the Labatt WaterWise Boat Pro Award.

The award recognizes an individual whose love for boating transcended his or her own craft and resulted in extraordinary efforts to promote overall boating safety in Ontario.

This summer, Turner designed a public education campaign to help promote safe boating in Haliburton County. He concentrated his efforts on educating personal watercraft riders on the responsible use of the craft and in the process, provided the Kashagawigamog chain of six lakes with a comprehensive boating

safety plan. Partners in the program included the Ontario Provincial Police, the chamber of commerce, personal watercraft rental agencies and local resorts.

For being selected this year's winner, Turner rides away with a Yamaha Waverunner, a two-piece Sea Rider suit by Mustang Survival and a Crystal Springs water cooler.

In its second year, the award is designed to recognize individuals' actions that help heighten awareness of boating safety and responsible alcohol use. These efforts include the promotion of safe and sober vessel operation, teaching safe boating classes, protecting the environment or providing assistance to boaters in need.

"Mr. Turner's nomination was just one of a number of outstanding submissions we received this year, demonstrating the commitment boaters in this province have made to help make our waterways safer," said Rob McCarthy, Labatt's manager of public affairs. "Once again, the campaign was successful in reminding people to be responsible on the water. I'd also like to thank all of our partners who share our commitment to promoting safe boating."

In addition to Labatt, major partners in the program include the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, Yamaha, the Ontario Provincial Police, Nissan, Shell Nautilus Marine Oils, the Ontario Marine Operators' Association and Boat Guide and Boating Business magazines.

The Labatt WaterWise Boat Pro campaign is the latest responsible use initiative that brings the company's "Know When to Draw the Line" message directly to consumers.

Cheryl Murdoch rink represents Minden well

by Sandy Cole

A good showing was made by the team of Cheryl Murdoch, Dwight Thomas, Carol Puffer and Ian Cavanagh at the regional mixed playdowns last weekend. Unfortunately, the team was put out of the B flight after going into extra ends to break the tie.

Thanks for representing Minden in both the zone and regional playdowns.

Remember that everyone is welcome to come out and pull up a chair and watch the good curling and sportsmanship going on at the Minden Curling Club. See you at the club!

Scores for the week of November 24 to 28.

Monday Night Ladies

Melanie Vigrass 10, Zelda Cooper 3
Pat Woodcroft 8, Cheryl Murdoch 3
Dianne Whitmarsh 9, MJ Irwin 3

Tuesday Night Men's

Ted Wilkes 8, Mike Whitmarsh 4
Dwight Thomas 8, Dan Garbutt 1
Jim Garbutt 6, Mark Lund 2
Bob Pollard 11, Ross Bryant 1
Don Blakey 6, Bill Roodenburg 5

Thursday Night Mixed

Ross Davies 16, Mike Whitmarsh 8
Ian Cavanagh 8, Dianne Whitmarsh 2
Bob Pollard 11, Cheryl Murdoch 1
Ted Wilkes 8, Paul Prentice 0

Friday Night Mixed

Ross Bryant 9, Zelda Cooper 4
Brian Cross 12, Don Blakey 7
Lawrence Loughheed 9, Bill Roodenburg 5
Cheryl Murdoch 7, Mark Lund 6

Brady Hicks scores four goals against Huskies

It was a close game when the Minden Novice C Monarchs tangled with Manvers recently. Playing with just one line and three extra players, the Monarchs couldn't quite keep up the pace against the visiting Manvers team.

The score was even at 1-1 when the first period ended. Brady Hicks was the Minden sniper, with an unassisted goal.

Manvers jumped in front with two goals just 12 seconds apart early in the second period. But the Monarchs countered with three in a row to take a 4-3 lead after two frames. Hicks added a natural hat trick to his previous marker for a game-total of four. Two of the second-period goals were unassisted and one was set up by Derek Nesbitt.

Unfortunately for the Minden team, Hicks' efforts were in vain as Manvers scored the equalizer with a minute left and the game winner one second before the buzzer sounded to end the game.

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We would also like to thank the Stanhope Fire Fighters for their quick response & tremendous effort in the attempt to save our home. Also, to the Stanhope Fire Fighters Support Crew, Brian & Anne of "Halls Lake Market" for all their efforts.

A very special thank you to Brad and Paula Thorn, Darlene Johnson & Elinore K. for their strong support and endless help in the organizing of the benefit dance held for us on Nov. 22nd.

As well, we would like to thank everyone who helped in making our dance so enjoyable and such a great success.

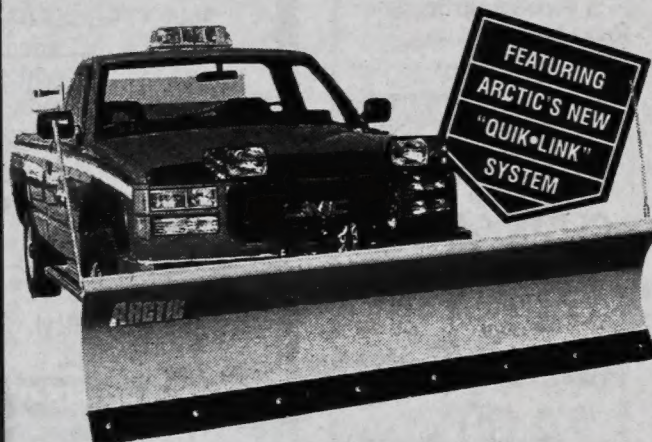
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Novice A Monarchs blank Cannington, bow to Haliburton and Beaverton

Minden's Novice A Monarchs hockey team had a great game against Cannington, but bowed to Haliburton and Beaverton in League action recently.

Haliburton 7, Minden 3

This much-anticipated match started our well for the Minden side. Travis Walker scored unassisted on the first shot of the game to give Minden a one goal lead just 14 seconds into the match. Just 22 seconds later, Aaron Keaney tapped in his own rebound to make the score 2-0.

Minden dominated the first part of the first period, but Haliburton controlled the latter part, scoring two goals late in the first to tie the game.

Haliburton held a slight edge in play throughout the second frame as the teams traded goals. Aaron Keaney got his second marker of the game, assisted by linemates Cody Mills and Kody Smith.

Haliburton scored late in the second period to give the Huskies a 4-3 advantage.

The two teams exchanged scoring chances early in the third but the score remained unchanged until the last five minutes of the game, over which time the Haliburton team scored three unanswered goals to ice the victory.

Minden 11, Cannington 0

Timing is everything, and this was not the best time for Cannington to face Minden, a team coming off a tough loss to Haliburton. The Minden side came out skating, shooting, passing and scoring.

Minden scored three goals in the first period on 13

shots and six goals in the second on 15 shots. With the game well in hand, coach McKelvey switched the lines and player positions. Minden scored twice in a more evenly matched third period to make the score 11-0.

Aaron Keaney and Travis Walker each notched a hat trick. Cody Mills potted a couple of goals and singles went to Gavin Hicks, Zac Joanu and Kody Smith. Adam Googh and Jordan Joanu each recorded assists. Jon Petch and Justin McKelvey provided stellar defence for Mike Lennox, who recorded the shutout between the Minden pipes.

Beaverton 4, Minden 1

This was a frustrating game for the Monarchs who held an edge in play but just could not get the bounces. Beaverton scored on a rebound early in the first to make the score 1-0. Four minutes later a routine shot deflected off a Minden defender past Mike Lennox to make the score 2-0.

Kody Smith was robbed later in the first period when his goal-mouth shot, from a rebound, was stopped by the Beaverton goalie on the goal line. Beaverton scored its third on a breakaway midway through the second frame.

Travis Walker responded with an unassisted goal of his own 20 seconds later.

Beaverton made the score 4-1 when an attacker put a wrist shot into the top corner.

Minden controlled much of the play in the third period, but could not narrow the gap.

Minden's record now stands at nine wins and five losses for the season.

HHSS Junior basketball team remains undefeated

by Matt Reid

Last week the Junior basketball team added two more games to its win column by beating Fenelon Falls on December 2 and Lindsay Collegiate on December 4.

The Redmen played energetically, coming off a big win last week, playing an excellent game.

On Tuesday, the basketball team travelled to Fenelon Falls to look for their first win against the Falcons. At the half, the Redmen and Falcons were tied 27-27. They pulled ahead in the second half with a flurry of baskets by Nick Cochrane and Jesse Sternberg in the third quarter. When the final buzzer sounded, Haliburton had won by a 59-55 score.

The Redmen played well defensively and offensively. They were led by Jesse Sternberg, who scored 18 points. Matt Reid added 13 points and 12 rebounds and Kris Jamieson notched 10 points.

The Redmen played at home Thursday against the LCVI Spartans. The Redmen were sporting their very slick new uniforms, for which they would like to thank Mr. Brad Saunders and Mr. Gord Shakelaar, who donated them. With the new uniforms, the boys were pumped and came out playing strong defense, while running plays with patience.

Nick Cochrane controlled the game with excellent ball handling and managed to set up many plays which led to several of the Redmen's points. The team played with discipline, control and depth, keeping the turnovers low, leading to a 57-44 win.

Kris Jamieson was on fire against LCVI, grabbing 13 rebounds and scoring a game and season high 20 points. Jesse Sternberg also played aggressively,

getting seven steals and 16 points. Taylor Goodman played a strong defensive game with 10 rebounds and numerous blocks to his credit.

The junior Redmen had an excellent week of basketball and now sit in first place, with three wins and no losses. They play at home again on Thursday, December 11, at JDHES, against Fenelon Falls. Game time is 4 p.m.

Haliburton curling teams 1st and 3rd

The Kawartha Senior Men's Tour, Northern Group, held the second of four annual bonspiels December 3 in Fenelon Falls.

Both Haliburton rinks went home smiling after taking first and third prizes.

Playing in the bonspiel were two rinks from Minden, skipped by Jim Burton and Gil Scott, as well as two rinks from Haliburton, skipped by Ken Wilson and Ab Norman. Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon were also represented by two teams each.

First prize, with 34.75 points, was won by Haliburton skip Ken Wilson, vice Joe Iles, second Wayne Hussey and lead Ron Berry.

Second prize with 34 points was Bobcaygeon skip Bruce Oliver, vice Ian Brant, second Rick Henry and lead Jack Patton.

Third prize was won by Haliburton's skip Ab Norman, vice Morley Timbers, second Bruce Moffatt and lead Chester Howse.

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THIRD PLACE: Marg Cowie, Betty Lydell, Dorothy Harwood and Valerie Finch of Bobcaygeon were the third place winners at the Four Town Bonspiel in Minden.

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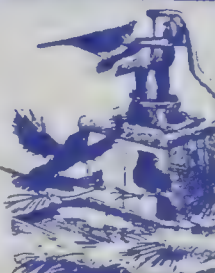
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December 8: Monthly meeting of the Business Women's Network at Sunny Rock Lodge Bed & Breakfast. Call 286-4922. 6:30 p.m.

December 9: Door-to-door food and toy drive. Members of the Minden Fire Department and the Minden Community Police Support Association will be calling at homes in Minden collecting non-perishable food items and new or good used toys. Donations may also be dropped off at the Minden firehall. Watch for the fire truck on your street starting at 7 p.m.

December 9: HHSS Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. Voluntary donations accepted at the door.

December 12: Ski Trail Maintenance and Grooming Information Day at the Leslie M. Frost Centre. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Practical information on grooming techniques with demonstrations. Cost is \$15 and included lunch. To register call 766-2451.

December 14: Community Carol Service in Wilberforce, contact Flo Taylor 448-2808.

December 14: Christmas Carol sing-a-long in the Wee Kirk at the Minden Museum Complex. Dress warmly. 2-3:30 p.m.

December 14: Santa Claus Parade in Kinmount at 2 p.m.

December 16: CHACE mobile unit visits the Dorset Recreation Centre for a pot luck Christmas party for pre-schoolers and their care-givers. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

December 16: Introduction to Business Planning and Marketing workshop. Business Self-Help Office, 351 Charlotte St. Peterborough from 9:30 to 3:00. Cost is \$50.

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Thursday Night Mixed League

High average: Walt Stegmaier 217; Joan Rivard 186
High single: Walt Stegmaier 311; Carol Gilligan 250
High triple: Walt Stegmaier 712; Carol Gilligan 583

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Jim Hindle 189; Sheila Burke 160
High single: Fred Knight 235; Judy Kent 195
High single (handicap): Frank Sargeant 292; Judy Kent 262
High triple: Fred Knight 609; Norma Douglas 489
High triple (handicap): Frank Sargeant 759; Judy Kent 677

Monday Night Mixed League

(November 24)

High average: Scott Moore 241; Michelle Moore 202
High single: Mike Hamilton 237; Teresa Clement 188
High single (handicap): Mike Hamilton 291; Sheila Woodcroft 246
High triple: Walt Stegmaier 633; Teresa Clement 526
High triple (handicap): Mike Hamilton 704; Sheila Woodcroft 633

Monday Night Mixed

(December 1)

High average: Scott Moore 241; Michelle Moore 200
High single: Scott Moore 250; Teresa Clement 203
High single (handicap): Scott Moore 250; Marlene Bellar 242
High triple: Scott Moore 727; Teresa Clement 540
High triple (handicap): Scott Moore 727; Sheila Woodcroft 662

Tuesday Night Mixed League

High average: Fred Cox 217; Cathy Snell 214
High single: Norm Goldenberg 301; Cathy Snell 310
High single (handicap): Carl Packard 323; Cathy Snell 319
High triple: Al Eskelin 677; Cathy Snell 757
High triple (handicap): Charlie Teljeur 776; Cathy Snell 784

Wednesday Night Mens League

High average: Scott Moore 241
High single: Bruce Cummings 303
High single (handicap): Eric Burk 305
High triple: Len Punt Sr. 787
High triple (handicap): James Raposo 753

Thursday Night Mixed League

(November 27)

High average: Walt Stegmaier 216; Joan Rivard 186
High single: Dan Rivard 263; Carol Gilligan 212
High single (handicap): Dan Rivard 282; Carol Gilligan 259
High triple: Doug Reinwald 689; Janice Hughes 570
High triple (handicap): Kirk Harrison 719; Janice Hughes 708

Congratulations to Sheila Woodcroft and Kirk Harrison, winners of the High-Low Doubles.

Thursday Seniors Mixed League

High average: Jerry Warren 199; Eleanor Lymer 178

High single: Addie Dykstra 256; Eleanor Lymer 203
High single (handicap): Addie Dykstra 289; Mitzi Alzner 259
High triple: Addie Dykstra 686; Eleanor Lymer 537
High triple (handicap): Addie Dykstra 785; Marg Albers 684

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High average: Robert Cox 99; Tori Brown 102
High single: Billy Harpley 108; Tori Brown 119
High double: Billy Harpley 194; Tori Brown 217

Bantam

High average: Jeff Mickle 152; Lesley Cox 87

High single: Ryan Robinson 122; Lesley Cox 103
High triple: Bradley Brown 354; Lesley Cox 290

Smurf

High average: Connor Cowan 41
High single: Connor Cowan 45
High double: Connor Cowan 79

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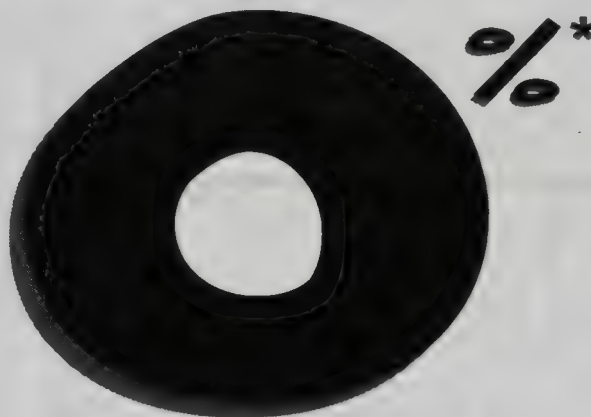
High average: Dennis Cox 190; Kelly Berry 166
High single: Ryan Clarke 204; Kelly Berry 141
High triple: Matt Reinwald 505; Kelly Berry 405

Senior

High average: Trevor Clement 171; Elizabeth Goldenberg 142
High single: Ryan Sisson 210; Nikki Fomenko 195
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Ski Friends get ready for the season at the Frost Centre

by Ariel White

The woods south of Dorset will soon be alive with the sights and sounds of skiers thanks to the efforts of the Ski Friends of the Frost Centre.

The group has been preparing for another nordic ski season on the Frost Centre's trails. The Ski Friends, a group of a dozen or so ski devotees, is managing the 22 kilometres of classic-groomed ski trails adjacent to the centre. Several work bees were held during the summer. The effort continued last

month when the volunteers returned to erect trail signs and complete preparing the trails for the season.

Peter and Mary Brogden started skiing at the Frost Centre Cross Country Ski Trails in the late 1970's, shortly after the first trails were opened. The Ministry of Natural Resources operated the ski trails until 1990, when, as a result of budget cuts, it dropped the trail maintenance from its budget.

From that point, the Haliburton Nordic Ski Trails association took over the trails. In the spring, the asso-

(more on page 16)

Members of Ski Friends of the Frost Centre and Junior Rangers from an area camp pose in front of a newly refurbished warm-up shack on the cross country ski trails at the centre. The work was carried out in the summer, however some members of the group were in the bush recently completing trail work in anticipation of the start of the season in several weeks.



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Monitors needed for centre's trails

(from page 15)

ciation stated that it did not want to continue running the Frost Centre trails and at that point, the Brogden's and the Ski Friends of the Frost Centre took over.

"We said that we just had to try and keep this thing going," said Peter Brogden. "Now we are looking for interested local skiers who would like to join and become trail monitors. We really need to get local people involved."

The Frost Centre Cross Country Ski Trails consist of seven linked, looped trails. Each trail differs in length from three and a half to eighteen and a half kilometres. The trails takes skiers through a hardwood forest with views of Dan, McKewen and Three Island lakes. Each route is marked with signs and there are also two ski shelters with wood stoves for those extra

cold winter days. On weekends monitors will be on the trails to offer assistance and guide people through the system. The trails are maintained by volunteers from the Ski Friends group. During the summer months a nearby group of Junior Rangers also lent a hand in trail building.

Peter Brogden warned that although he would like to see as many skiers out on the trails as possible this year, the terrain may not be suitable for the first time skier. "This is a touring trail, but there are steep downhill on some sections," he said.

Last year over 600 ski enthusiasts ventured out onto the Frost Centre Ski Trails. The Ski Friends of the Frost Centre hope that this year's attendance surpasses that number. They are also looking for a snowy winter. Peter Brogden said that the small amount of snow dur-

ing December of last year resulted in low attendance. The holiday season (around Christmas to New Year's) is the ski centre's busiest time as it sees about one third of its yearly business during that interval.

The cost for use of the trail pass varies. The daily fee is \$8; \$5 after 1 p.m. There are also season passes available for \$30 for an individual and \$55 for a family. Those who purchase a membership for the Haliburton Highlands Cross-Country Ski Club may also use the trail at the Frost Centre at no extra charge. For more information on memberships call 705-754-2351.

School programs will continue, at least until August

by Ariel White

The new district school board #15 has approved a recommendation from the Local Education Improvement Committee to maintain current programs in schools in all three counties.

The new board approved the recommendation at its initial caucus last Monday, but the motion must be ratified at the board's inaugural meeting on December 15, in Lindsay.

The motion maintains that school programs and activities such as Junior Kindergarten, core French and French immersion will not be cancelled immediately. These programs will continue at least until August of 1998, the end of the board's transition period.

This recommendation came in response to numerous phone calls from concerned parents who wanted to know what the future held for these and other school programs.

This and 93 other recommendations were presented at the board's caucus on Monday. The meeting allowed the new trustees to get their first look at the task that lies ahead. The recommendations have been divided into items to be dealt with immediately, items to be considered prior to March of 1998 and those which can wait until August 1998.

The inaugural meeting of district school board #15 will be held on December 15 at 7:00 pm at the Education Centre, Lindsay on Verulam Rd. South.

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Stanhope looks ahead to next 3 years

(from page 4)

Harrison also mentioned that the meeting marked an historical point in the township history. She is the first woman in Stanhope Township's existence to hold the position of reeve. "I hope Stanhope is ready for a female reeve!" said Harrison.

This is also the first time both a husband and wife have represented Stanhope as reeve as Eleanor's husband James held the position from 1979 to 1982.

After the gavel had officially been turned over, the remaining councillors and deputy were given a chance to address the council and the audience. Newcomer Tom Gardner said that he was excited about his future with Stanhope council and was anxious to learn all that he could about the role of a councillor. "I am looking forward to the next three years, but I know that I have a lot to learn. If you could bear with me, I'll be asking a lot of questions over the next few years," he said.



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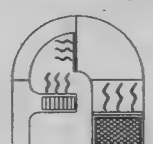
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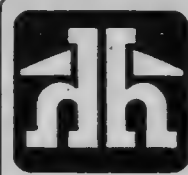
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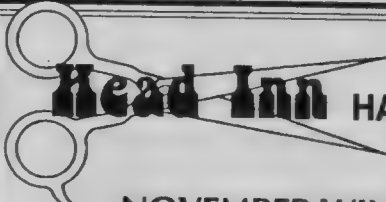


Warming up for the holidays

Members of the Haliburton Messiah Choir do some last minute fine tuning for the concert at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Saturday November 29. The concert featured the music of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams with a collection of both sacred and secular music. The choir was directed by Melissa Stevens and accompanied by pianist Wayne Cooper. The Highlands Brass made a guest appearance during the concert.

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Writers, poets and artists excel at HHSS

Student poets, writers, musical and visual artists have demonstrated the depth of their talent following the announcement of the Marion Drysdale Writing Contest winners.

The results were announced last week. The theme this year was Follow Your Dream. The contest is sponsored by the teachers' federations and was co-ordinated at HHSS by English teacher Michele Shapiera.

The presentation of the cash awards took place in Principal Gary Brohman's office. He congratulated all the students for the fine work and thanked Mrs. Shapiera for her efforts in organizing the contest. "It is things like this which make our school unique and a great place to be," the principal said.

Shapiera had praise for the students' work noting that the theme was a highly personal one. "Judging by your work, some of you have your lives all planned out while others have taken a more philosophical approach to the theme."

This year, the contest also included visual and audio submissions. The winners included:

Grade nine destreamed category: first Gerald Sharp; second Amy Spencer; third Doug Roswell.

General level writing category: first Michele Robinson; second Cheri Huck; third Kim McGuire.

Advance level writing category (prose/poetry): first Erin Kernohan (Erin placed first last year); second Shirleen DeHaan; third Kevin Brezina; honourable mention Katie Woods.

Creative, audio: Melissa Anashnabi.

Creative, painting or sculpture: first Ian Milligan; second Caitlin Pettit; third Camilla Pettit.

Judges for the contest were Bob Penfold, Patty Brydon and Michele Shapiera.

The following are samples of the winning entries:

Follow Your Dream by Amy Spencer

Those first exciting steps to open magic doors,

May happiness surround me everyday even more.

One believing heart sets another on fire,

When things go wrong, I won't complain,

I will pick up the threads and start again.

For over there the sun is shining.

I look up and find the silver lining.

I will throw back the shutters of despair,

And let the rays of hope shine there.

There may be snow, high winds shall blow,

But birds will sing I will manage 'til spring.

There's always something to ruin your day,

Something obstructive to mar your way.

There's always something to spoil your fun,

Disturb your mind when the day is done.

Life will surround you with wonderful things,

In whatever it shall bring.

A millionaire with surplus cash, I know

I'll never be one but with my dear one by my side,

That does not bother me.

Dreamer vs. Dream by Erin Kernohan

I am what subconscious brings when it bumps its head.

You want to see stars but dream you clouds instead.

You want to go left, but to me it is right.

I am the ghosts you will see in the night.

You cannot stop me or open your eyes;

It is because I am dreaming that you are alive.

I strike doubt in your logic and fear in your heart,

And the words that I write define what thou art.

I hold you in check by the illusion of control;

Slight of hand is the game I play with your soul.

I am the one who turns your footfalls numb,

And yellow the sky and blue the sun.

I am your hopes, aspirations, your enemies, your fears.

I conjure up images that will bring you to tears.

You will wake with the sunrise and all will seem fine.

Remember, I am your dreams, and your dreams, they are mine.

Dreams Are Like Putty by Michele Robinson

Dreams are like putty

They can be shaped or moulded

Fitted into any vision.

Any reality.

A dream is exactly that

A dream

A goal

An ambition

The gold at the other end of the rainbow.

Dreams are achievements

The willingness to work

The sacrifices made

Dreams are products

Manufactured from blood, sweat and tears.

Dreams are a part of us,

They shape our lives

They distinguish our place and purpose

Dreams are the building blocks of life

Without them, what have you?



The Marion Drysdale Writing Contest Award winners are seen here with English teacher Michele Shapiera, third from the left, and principal Gary Brohman, third from the right, include, from the left, Kim McGuire, Shirleen DeHaan, Cheri Huck, Erin Kernohan, Melissa Anashnabi, Caitlin Pettit, Ian Milligan, Camila Pettit, Amy Spencer, Doug Roswell and Gerald Sharp.

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Haliburton Hospital takes precautions against 'super bugs'

(from page 5)

The agreement to enter into a joint undertaking was subject to details being worked out between the board and the Victoria County provider. The board was told that while Victoria Community Care had been providing home care in Victoria County, it didn't have a presence in Haliburton County and that the HHHS board provided that link.

Looking for bugs

Dr. Eva Conway told the meeting that the Haliburton Hospital has instituted new measures to protect against the introduction of so called super bugs into the local facility. She noted that with so many patients being transferred back to the Haliburton Hospital from other facilities, it is possible one of these so-called super bugs could be brought into the hospital this way. She said the screening will ensure that this does not happen or that anyone who is identified as a carrier can be isolated and treated as quickly as possible.

In other facilities where super bug infections have occurred, the hospitals have had to undergo a complete sterilization process to rid the facility of the infection.

Paediatrician services

A visiting paediatric service at the Minden Hospital has been cancelled due to a lack of referrals. Since this spring Dr. Dockrill, a seasonal resident of the county, has held a monthly clinic at the hospital. However, according to Dr. Conway, there were just not enough referrals to warrant continuing the service. According to Conway the paediatrician will continue to practise out of her home or on a consultative basis. The monthly clinic operated by Peterborough paediatrician, Dr. Alan White, also at the Minden Hospital, has proven to be more successful and will continue.

Diabetes program

Funding in the amount of \$38,352 has been received to provide a diabetes education program in the area. The program comes under the Diabetes Complications Prevention Strategy. According to the letter from the Health Minister, the grant to the HHHS is part of the province's reinvestment in community services. It was pointed out that, "diabetes is responsible for 25% of cardiac surgery, 50% of heart attacks, 70% of strokes, 50% of non-traumatic amputations, 55% of

new cases of blindness and 33% of dialysis cases." By educating the public, it is hoped that many of these problems and expenses can be avoided.

Dr. Conway told the meeting that there hadn't been a concerted diabetes education program in the county for some time and that this new initiative would be valuable to county residents.

Deficit

HHHS continues to operate over budget, however the amount was not particularly out of line. Finance committee chair Ross Rabjohn reported to the meeting that the health services board was \$18,760 over budget.

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Santa says thanks for making the Lions Club parade a success

Santa Claus asked me to pass on his thanks to everyone that took part in his parade on Saturday, November 29. The weatherman could not have done a better job. The bright sunshine added to the enjoyment for the crowd.

Congratulations to Lil' Bitza Bargain's on winning first place in the Commercial category. The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association took first place in the



The Lions Club brought Santa Claus, and a bunch of friends to town November 29.

Non-Commercial entries.

It is the participation of the community that makes

Service Clubs

by Lion Maurice Boyd

this event a success. Santa was very pleased that so many children visited him at the firehall. Visits like this helps Santa know what the children would like for Christmas.

The Minden Lions want to thank Anson, Hindon and Minden council for its participation and for the use of the Firehall and Roads Departments equipment. The Minden BIA always supports this parade financially, so a big thank you to them as well. We were pleased to see entries from both the Dorset and Kinmount Lions Clubs.

1997 has been a good year for the Minden Lions. We have had a successful year in fund raising, and have been able to make donations in excess of \$43,000. Our success would not be possible without the support of the residents of Haliburton County and area. Our members work hard and put in many, many hours to accomplish the great results of our endeavours.

The Bingo Committee thanks everyone for their loyal support. The Christmas Bingo will be held on Thursday December 18, with a \$1500 jackpot and there will be all kinds of door prizes. Our first regular bingo of 1998 will be on Thursday January 8.

Don't miss out on the delicious Lions Christmas cakes. They are available at McMahon's Feeds, Highland Pharmacy, Mr. D's Restaurant and any Lion.

The Lions wish to thank *The Times* for the assistance in the publishing of our articles over the past year. I personally want to thank *The Times* staff for their indulgence.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year from all the members of the Minden and District Lions Club.

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Lots of Christmas activities for Hyland Crest residents

Hello again. What a lovely busy week we've had. On Thursday, November 27, at our tea party, we said goodbye to Llyn Shirley and presented her with a gift from all of the residents.

Friday morning, our volunteer, Mary, was here to read for us. Mary is here every Friday morning and we appreciate her time with us. Happy Hour was very enjoyable with the Grandfathers and we were glad to see Rob back with us once again.

Saturday morning the 29th our auditorium was packed for the Haliburton County children's Christmas party. This event is an annual affair and is sponsored by the Minden Rotarians. Residents here were pleased to be invited and thoroughly enjoyed the children. It was a fun time with a puppet show, music and Santa Claus. Afterwards, all of the residents received a gift from the Rotarians. All in all, a wonderful time. Thank you to everyone involved.

We extend a warm welcome to Ruth Ward and Nellie Ranson, our two newest residents.

Our front lobby has had a facelift. Fresh coat of paint and lovely stencilling. It looks wonderful and we send our thanks to all those who worked so hard working on it.

Sunday was a restful day here though there were quite a few visitors about.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Grace Coburn on November 29th, our sympathy to her family and friends.

The first day of December saw some of us joining in a Christmas spelling bee. Rob Young's sister joined him for lunch on his birthday and in the evening the Salvation Army was here with their brass band and entertained us with Christmas music. Afterwards, they had a small gift for everyone. We thoroughly enjoyed our time with them and send our thanks to them. During our Tuesday morning Chapel service we remembered Marjorie Shuyler in our prayers. In the evening the Minden Brownie Pack were here and entertained us with Christmas carols and later we enjoyed a lovely buffet. We appreciated the children visiting us and enjoyed their singing.

Wednesday, December 3, a Christmas light tour had been planned but due to mechanical difficulties with our bus the tour didn't take place, but it has been rescheduled. Instead, we all trooped into the auditorium and thanks to Doris and Don providing last minute goodies and music, with the help of

Dottie and Bob and our activity staff, we had a great time. In fact, we didn't want to go to bed. Our thanks to everyone who turned what could have been a disappointment into a wonderful time.

Muriel Harrison, however, had made alternate plans and attended the Christmas in Carnarvon held at the Zion United Church.

Today, December 4, is the day for our weekly tea party, the ladies from Minden U.C.W. will be hosting, our thanks to them.

Alice Rivers had just completed a lovely collection of braided items which will be sold at our Christmas Bazaar on December 6. A thank you to Alice and also to Nancy (a volunteer) who assisted her.

Before we go, we send our best wishes to Judy Stevenson who will be undergoing surgery on the 9th. We look forward to seeing her back again. We will sign off with more of "My Christmas Memories."

"My uncle was funny. He always acted as Santa Claus. We always got a parcel from England. We didn't have much, but we had a good Christmas dinner and had lots of fun. In those days if you bought your girlfriend a box of hankies, you thought it was special." Alice Todd.

"Our many Christmases in England. We always had good food, always had a good Christmas dinner and Father always made the best mincemeat. Christmas dinner was always held at noon and Christmas tea at 5 p.m. Pork pie, ham, mince tarts."

Walter Stevens.

"My best Christmas, 1939. Our wedding day, December 23rd. Best Christmas gift I ever got was Walter."

Vera Stevens.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

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NOTE: Please mark envelope MANAGING DIRECTOR APPLICATION clearly on the front.

Interviews will be conducted in January 1998. We thank all those who apply however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

FLEMING

SIR SANDFORD FLEMING COLLEGE

FINANCIAL & OPERATIONS ASSISTANT Haliburton Campus

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to assist the Campus Leader with financial as well as general office duties. This is a full-time support staff position, 35 hours per week, with a start rate of \$14.21 per hour.

The duties are to assist in preparation of campus budget; order and maintain office supplies; obtain quotes and prepare purchase requisitions; organize and maintain files; schedule appointments; prepare bank deposits; handle cash transactions and act as petty cash officer; prepare contract letters and timesheets for part-time staff; respond to general enquiries; register part-time studies, Tuition Short and Ecotourism students; process emergency loans; prepare leasing agreements and collect rental income; assist with preparation for convocation, assist in liaison with IT Department as required; and other related duties.

Qualifications: relevant education with financial recordkeeping experience in a computerized office environment; possess computer competency in a variety of software (wordprocessing, spreadsheet, database); excellent communication skills; ability to work independently and prioritize work; ability to deal tactfully with the public and demonstrate excellent customer service attributes; and be a strong team player.

To be considered please submit a detailed, up-to date resumé and covering letter to Sir Sandford Fleming College, Human and Organizational Development, Room 524, Brealey Drive, Peterborough, ON, K9J 7B1, Fax 705-743-5763, by **December 16, 1997**, quoting Competition #S4297.

We would like to thank all candidates in advance for their interest in Sir Sandford Fleming College. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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serving families of Western Haliburton County

Families who need extra help this Christmas can apply for assistance through the CSSM Christmas Box campaign. Working with CSSM, the Minden Food Bank will service regular weekly clients while the Christmas Box Program will provide the extra Christmas items many of our county families need this year.

The Food Bank food collection boxes are at Valu-Mart, IGA and at local churches. They are faced with a higher demand over this time last year. Please remember to donate! Money and other items for the Christmas Box Drive can be given through the CSSM. Contact Louise Leonard at 286-5162, Barb Walford-Davis at 286-2042 or Mary Hicks at 489-2297.

The Christmas Box Program provides food, toys, gift items, candies and winter clothing. Call the above numbers for drop off arrangements.

Carnarvon area residents can leave items at Four Seasons Store.

The generosity of our community has clearly shown itself as they have reached out to those needing help this past year and previous holiday seasons.

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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4425)

Well, it was a wonderful weekend last week. (November 29-30)!

The parade, the kid's shows, and the town all done up for Christmas! I noticed two of the shop windows especially. The two sides of Country Magic are quite spectacular with their decorations. They sure make you want to shop there! The new Sandalwood is also beautifully decorated. It is so good to see that shop back in town! Thank you to Ethel Muli for her letter to the editor, reminding us to shop locally. I visited with a friend this week who had bought a great top at Stedman's and her husband had bought a great pair of walking boots there!

Some reminders about Christmas events:

- The Lochlin United Church is holding an olde tyme Christmas sing-along on Wednesday, December 17, between 7 and 8 p.m. Music is by Rev. Harry Morgan and Ivor Davies. The evening is very informal and everyone is welcome. A donation to the Minden Food Bank would be most welcome.

- Another Carol sing, of course is at the 'Wee Kirk' at the County Town Museum on Sunday, December 14, between 2 and 3:30. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served in the common room after the singing. It's always a good idea to dress warmly as the Kirk can be chilly on a cold day.

These two sing-alongs certainly complement each other in terms of tim-

ing, so that we can take in both of them!

In addition to the singing this past week there was a number of events including a Christmas Gift Sale At Hyland Crest; luncheons at Our Lady of Fatima Church and Norland Women's Institute Hall; and a pot luck dinner at Lochlin Park and Community Centre. It's almost like getting away with no cooking this month---except for the big day of course!

Also at Christmas, remember about the Christmas Boxes. If you are in need, You may call 286-5162 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. before December 17 for more information.

The Minden Food Bank is also open its regular hours (except for December 27) during the Christmas season to help families and individuals at a time which can be difficult.

A follow-up to an item which appeared here last week: All donations of food, clothing and gift items accepted at the local real estate offices in Minden will be distributed locally by CSSM, who work with the Four Cs for the benefit of needy families.

Another reminder that the Clothing Depot has extended its hours. It is now open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday.

Best wishes were phoned in for Shirley Bryant who was just released from Peterborough Hospital after having surgery. Her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

We just heard that Clayt Hummel shot a 38 at the Riviera Golf Course in Naples, Florida and, on top of that, he had a hole in one! Must be nice.... Congratulations Clayt.

Harvey Bunker has joined the St. Paul's Friendship Club. Everyone welcomes him to the group! A good day was had by all, especially these winners! Lone hands; Verna McDonald; High lady, Jessie Preston; High man, Jack Chilton; Low lady, Betty Hardie; 50/50 draw was won by Iris Taylor.

On November 26, at the Stanhope Firehall, there were two moonshots! Scores were as follows; Edith Bunker, 230; Muriel Harrington, 224; Lottie Ruttan, 201 for the ladies and for the men, Alf Whyman, 279; Don Burch, 256; and Norm Lee at 211!

The Fibromyalgia support group which usually meets at the home of Sybil Roodenberg has disbanded for the winter. They hope to start up again in the spring when the driving is a little easier to take!

Seniors Bid Euchre at the Legion

Branch 636, on December 2, had the following winners; Shirley Elcome, Gala Stamp and Verna McDonald. The hidden score was won by Helen Lee. The three moon shots were won by Marg McAfee, Howard Smith and Ann Baker.

On December 1, at Club 35, there were lots of winners! The 50/50 draw was won by Helen Windsor. Helen also won the most lone hands. high lady was Olive Daniels; High Man Alf Whyman; low lady, Verna Sawyer; low man, Jack Gregory; for her third win of the night Helen Windsor won Baloney!

The final euchre scores in this week were played on November 27, at the Minden Legion. Most lone hands ladies, Esther Lee; most lone hands man, Truman Mc Neil; high score, ladies, Marie Dennie; high score men, Marcel Roussel; low lady, Sharon Evans; low man Earl Hayne; other prizes, Jim Bradbury (twice!) and Judy Kent.

So I guess Christmas is going to happen!. Lots of events leading up to it! A thought for another year perhaps? A friend heard of a town who has their Santa Claus parade in the evening. That sounds like such a great idea! All the floats are lit up. The streets are lit up of course. It sounds like it would be a very magical experience. What do you think?

Until next week---- Hi Pat!

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FAX: 1-705-324-4323

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.

Cheryl Murdoch
LEIC Chair

Evelyn Brown
Acting Director

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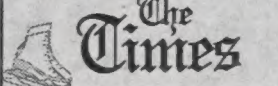
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On behalf of the Minden Lions Club and the Minden community, we extend our sincere thanks to all those who aided and attended in the 9th annual Community Santa Claus Parade on November 29. To the O.P.P., Keaney Motors, Ridgewood Ford, the Minden Police Support Group, the Minden Amateur Radio Club, the Minden Fire Department and of course, the Lindsay Kinsmen Band and the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flute Band for their excellent entertainment during the parade and later at the Fire Hall. A thank you to all who entered floats, wagons, vehicles and marchers.

The winners of the parade floats for 1997 were as follows:

Commercial: 1. Lil Bitza Bargains. 2. Kawartha Dairy. 3. Wedgewood Marina.

Non-Commercial: 1. Haliburton County Snowmobile Association. 2. The Minden Brownies. 3. The Dorset Lions Club.

To the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, the B.I.A., the Lioness Club of Minden, the Minden Kinsmen Club, the K40 Club, Westside Jug City, Kawartha Dairy, Photo Solutions Image Center and any others, thank you for your generous contributions in support of the Minden Community Santa Claus Parade. Sincere thanks also to the Lions and Lioness Clubs of Minden for their support and assistance in this event. In conclusion, the children and parents all wish to thank Santa Claus for his appearance and happy presence at the parade and later at the Minden Fire Hall where pictures were taken and goodies distributed to the children.

Thank you Santa Claus.
From the Minden Community Santa Claus Parade Committee.

CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU

To the friends who have been my support and anchor for some years and to the new friends who have become my extended family during some stressful months, I say a very humble Thank You. There are many who have made life easier for me - I'm sure you know who you are and because of you all, my husband's quality of life for the last several years was most pleasant. Thank you to Evelyn Coleman for her prayers and concerns.

P.S. Another birthday to be remembered - thanks so much for the cards and gifts.
E.K.

We, the Fundraisers Committee for the Gelert area, would like to thank all who participated in our annual draw which was held on November 25. The lucky winners were: For the bird house Kathy Archer #158. For the elf Owen Duhaime #463 and for the horse and cart ornament Verna Russell #34. Our wish is for a very Happy Holiday to you all.

The Minden BIA extends its appreciation to all those who helped to make the community tree lighting a success November 28. Especially the roads department for getting and erecting the tree and decorations, the many students for their decorating touches, the Mountain Lake singers, the Police Support Association for the hot chocolate, music man Paul Hopkins, and everyone who helped to make the occasion a special part of Christmas in the village.

AT REST

MOSZKO,
Joseph

At his residence, R.R. # 1, Norland, on Monday, December 1, 1997, in his 76th year. Beloved husband of the late Maria Moszko, dear father of Lillian, Lucille and Steven, grandfather of Jennifer, Bonnie, Shawn and Amanda, great-grandfather of Hailey and Samantha. The Funeral Service was held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on Wednesday, December 3rd at 10:30 a.m. Spring interment Pine Grove Cemetery, Norland.

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But you didn't go alone,
For part of me went with you
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JOHNSTON, Glen - In memory of our dear friend who passed away December 5, 1989.

*Nothing can dim your handsome face
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The ones we spent with you,
Friendship and joy you generously gave
To everyone you knew.
Dearly loved and sadly missed,
Bev, Wendy and families.*

BURK, Tim - In loving memory of our dear son and brother who left us peacefully December 8, 1992.

*Remembering Tim is easy
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